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TO WATERY GRAVE PASSENGERS SINK

Sixty-Six Plunge To Death In Watery Grave.

Horrible Catastrophe on Traction
Line Near Atlantic City on
Sunday.

SEVERAL MEN PROVE HEROES.

Sixty-six persons dead, and two scores injured, is the estimate this morning of fatalities in yesterday's electric railway horror. Most of the dead are still buried in the submerged cars. It is impossible to give an accurate list until the bodies are removed by divers. All night by light electric globes men toiled to get out bodies of the victims. The coaches by force of the fall from the trestle, sunk deep into the mud at the bottom of the stream.

Atlantic City, N. J., Oct. 29.—Fifty seven passengers on the West Jersey and Coast Electric railroad were hurried to a watery grave Sunday afternoon when the entire train plunged from a trestle over the "Thoroughfare," a body of water separating Atlantic City from the mainland. The train, composed of three cars well filled with mostly women and children fell 15 feet and was almost instantly submerged in 20 feet of water.

There were about 80 passengers on the train and many escaped through the heroic actions of some of the train crew and passengers. Nearly all of those who escaped were more or less seriously injured and are suffering greatly from shock.

Outside Rail "Turned In." The accident was due to a rail "turning in." The rail which was an outside one, was on the right hand side coming down and must have been out of plumb about an eighth of an inch. The sharp flange of the electric train caught this and twisted it inward.

This twist threw the first car off the track, and into the water. The second and third cars were dragged with it, and while the third car was descending the rear portion struck the abutment, hung for a short time, then slid into the water.

But this brief stop saved several lives. Several men and a few women leaped out of the windows and the rear door into the water, caught hold of a post and were rescued.

Royal Artillery Band Lost. Among the passengers were 20 men of the Royal Artillery band on their way here from Philadelphia. One or two bodies of the band men were recovered early in the afternoon.

Charles Kessler, a merchant here, who was in the forward car, secured an axe and began to hack the door open to liberate the imprisoned passengers. The task was difficult but he managed to get some women out. The man who attends the bridge, declares that the bridge was opened three minutes before the train came along. A yacht passed through. He says that the bridge was properly closed and the tracks inspected. He cannot explain why the rails twisted.

Motorman Scott stuck to his post and went down with the train. Brakeman Wood proved a hero. When the train left the rails he ran to the rear door and held it open for the passengers until the car slid off the bridge. He went into the water with it, then swam ashore. His action probably saved many lives.

When the car dropped Henry Roemer, crawling from a window, swam alongside the fast sinking cars, kicked out the window glass and thus gave several an opportunity to escape. One man was caught in the window and drowned before he could be extricated.

Another Heroic Escape. One instance of a heroic, almost miraculous escape from the first car is the case of David S. Enley, of Camden. Enley reached Atlantic City carrying in his lacerated arms ten-year-old Helen Gilbert, also of Camden. At the first intimation of danger Enley leaped to the platform taking the child with him. As the coach plunged he sprang into the water and succeeded in swimming ashore with the little one.

The man best able to tell what caused the accident is Daniel B. Stewart, chief bridge tender, Stewart, however, is in no condition to talk. Horror has temporarily bereft him of reason. He is 65 years old.

The train, made up of three heavy vestibule coaches of the newest type, electrically equipped, left Camden at 1 o'clock Sunday afternoon. The coaches were comfortably filled, women and children being in the majority. No passengers in the third car was killed but every one was injured.

The first two coaches sank quickly in 20 feet of water.

Among the Dead Are,
WALTER SCOTT, Atlantic City, motorman.
FRAN DE SACESENO, bandman of the Royal Artillery band.
J. P. DEMPSEY AND WIFE, Camden.
FRANK MONROE AND WIFE, Camden.
MRS. BRODISCH, identified by her niece.
SAMUEL Y. FIEL, Philadelphia.
MRS. SELENIA WOMFER, Camden, N. J.
JAMES EGAN, Atlantic City.
CHARLES ALBERTUS, Morristown, Pa.
DAVID F. REED, of New York.
MRS. LAURA LAURENCE, of Philadelphia.

RABBI LOVITCH

WILL ADDRESS PUPILS OF THE
HIGH SCHOOL.

Science Department Is Popular With
Pupils—Sanitary Inspection
Promised.

Rabbi D. Lovitch, of Temple Israel, has been secured to address the pupils in the High school tomorrow morning. He is an eloquent, forceful speaker, and the pupils are looking forward to the address with much pleasure.

The work of the science class is progressing and members of the faculty think favorably of giving a demonstration as soon as the members of the class progress far enough with experiments. This is one new feature which has proven a success from the start.

Supt. C. M. Lieb today will investigate the sanitary conditions at the Jefferson street building, Eighth and Harrison streets, where it is reported bad. There are many ways to remedy the defect, and action will be taken at once.

OPEN HOUSE

WILL BE KEPT BY PADUCAH
LODGE OF ELKS TOMORROW.

Ladies Will Be Received in the At-
ternoon and Gentlemen
at Night.

Open house will be kept by the Paducah lodge of Elks in their new home on North Fifth street tomorrow afternoon and evening. Between the hours of 3 and 5 o'clock the ladies will be entertained. Between the hours of 7:30 and 11 o'clock ladies and gentlemen will be welcome. Children accompanied by their parents will be admitted. A register will be kept in the lobby. It is hoped that every guest will register.

Prominent society ladies will be in the receiving line and look after the refreshments. Half of them will be in the line in the afternoon and the others at night.

They are:
Afternoon—Mrs. Robert Phillips, chairman; Mrs. Armour Gardner, Mrs. James Weille, Mrs. R. D. Clements, Mrs. Henry Rudy, Mrs. George Flournoy, Mrs. A. R. Meyers, Mrs. Campbell Flournoy, Mrs. Phil. Stewart, Mrs. Louis S. Levy, Mrs. Clarence Sherrill, Mrs. Hughes McKnight, Mrs. Anna Webb.

Evening—Mrs. Thomas C. Leech, chairman; Mrs. Victor Voris, Mrs. Birdie Campbell, Mrs. I. D. Wilcox, Mrs. Mitt. Core, Mrs. Louis S. Levy, Mrs. Jake Wallerstein, Mrs. William McGary, Mrs. R. T. Lightfoot, Mrs. George C. Wallace, Mrs. I. Reynolds, Mrs. James Weille, Mrs. R. D. Clements, Mrs. Henry Thompson, Mrs. John Keller.

Young Ladies—Miss Lizzie Sinnott, chairman; Misses Caroline Sowell, Ruth Well, Vera Johnson, Mary Scott, Sophia Kirkland, Myrtle Greer, Mamie Cobb, Irma Scott, Faith Langstaff, Miss Taylor, of Frankfort, Ky.; Kinney, of New York City; Frances Wallace, Pauline Purcell, of Lexington, Ky.; Martha Davis.

Major Taggart Not Serious. Wooster, O., Oct. 29.—It was reported last week that Major Taggart, who gained notoriety during the divorce trials some time ago was dying in Pittsburgh. His parents living near here received a cablegram from the major saying: "Been sick, nothing serious."

It is the daily average circulation of a newspaper that the shrewd advertiser investigates—"High Water" days don't count. The Sun's daily average last month was 3939.

CRIME RAMPANT IN CITY STREETS

Three Men Held Up And Rob- bed Saturday Night.

Dogs and Bicycles Stolen From Res-
idences and Clothing Snatched
by Thief.

BOY STABBED BY COMPANION

Highway robbers, fighters, house-breakers, bicycle thieves, package snatchers and horse thieves have been keeping the police busy for several days, and Sunday night the carnival of crime seemed to reach its climax, when three highway robbers were committed, one young man badly stabbed and several horses, wheels and dogs reported missing. Jim Hildreth and James W. Barksdale were held up and robbed. The last reported was John M. Hestands, a boiler-maker at the Fowler-Wolf sheet iron and metal works.

Hildreth was arrested by a bogus detective and \$7 was taken from him. Barksdale was held by two negroes with a pistol, searched and robbed of his cash. Hestands evidently met the same two negroes who caught him going home to Third and Jackson streets Saturday night and robbed him of his gold watch at the point of a pistol.

Serious Stabbing. Willie Watson, of 122 Clements street, aged 18 years, engaged in a difficulty with a stranger in the Daisey Allen resort on Kentucky avenue and was stabbed in the back. He was taken home and the stranger escaped. He is suspected of being a young man living on North Eighth street, but the police have taken no action.

John Cook, a young man of Benton, is alleged to have snatched a bundle of clothes from Fina Hawkins, of Gilbertsville, at the Illinois Central depot Saturday afternoon, caught the Benton train, and escaped. At Benton the sheriff got him and Hawkins went down to compromise the matter. The police did not want to bring a petit larceny prisoner back to Paducah.

Fine Dogs Stolen. Messrs. Fendall Burnett and James Nagel, sportsmen, reported the losses of their fine bird dogs. Both gentlemen reside on North Fifth street and it is thought that the same thieves got both dogs.

Frank Vick reports the loss of his bicycle at Fourth street and Broadway Saturday night, and Prof. C. A. Norvell reports the loss of his son's wheel from the residence, 1719 Madison street.

HUSBAND ILL

WIFE PASSES AWAY WITH A
STROKE OF PARALYSIS.

Mrs. G. W. Elrod Dies Early Sunday
and Is Buried This Morning in
Family Lot.

Mrs. Lizzie Elrod, wife of G. W. (Bud) Elrod, of Massac, Ky., a few miles southwest of Paducah, died Sunday morning of paralysis and the funeral was held this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the residence. The burial was in the family cemetery. Her death was sudden, she being found in a semi-conscious condition at 3 o'clock Sunday morning. She was never awakened. Dr. G. A. Hamlet attended her.

The doctor was at the house to see Mrs. Elrod, who was ill. Mrs. Elrod sustained a shock shortly after midnight. The deceased was born in this county 56 years ago. She was first married to Charles Humphreys who died several years ago. She married her present husband about three years ago. She leaves a husband and eight children. The children are Mrs. Sam Miles, Paducah; Miss Nina Humphreys, George and Fina Humphreys, of Massac, and Will Humphreys, of Bandana and two small children.

The funeral was held this morning at 11 o'clock burial in the family burying ground. Mr. Elrod was unable to attend the services.

For Bootlegging. Dill Dowdy and Frank Alexander were arrested early this morning in Graves county by Wade Brown, deputy United States marshal, on the charge of bootlegging. They were presented before the United States commissioner this afternoon.

Council Meets Tonight. Mayor Yeiser has called a joint session of the general council for tonight to act on the sale of the Nineteenth street franchise to the Paducah Traction company.

MURPHY'S ULTIMATUM ABOUT PRISON SUIT PICTURE IS ISSUED.

New York, Oct. 29.—Charles F. Murphy, leader of Tammany Hall, has decided that pictures of himself in stripes is getting to be an old story, and has given notice through his attorney that henceforth any newspaper depicting him in prison stripes will have to answer the charge of libel. The ultimatum becomes effective today.

CALLED BLUFF OF STATE COMMITTEE

Primary Fund Arrives In Pa-
ducah, So It Is Said.

Beckham Men Charge That McCreary
Faction Is Manipulating
the Money.

SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS HERE

It was a cool call the local Democratic committee made on the state committee last week and the latter organization came across with \$600 for the state primary in McCracken county.

What is claimed by Beckham followers to be a scheme on the part of the McCreary men in the state committee to block the primary in counties known to be for Beckham, was disclosed by the local men, and probably other counties in the state will follow suit.

McCracken seems to be conceded to the governor and estimates of the expense of the primary were sent to the state committee a long while ago. It was figured at \$600. It is stated that a small portion of this sum was sent here, but repeated demands for more were ignored by Chairman Mott Ayres. At least, this is the claim made by the Beckham men.

Inquiries disclosed the same state of affairs in other Beckham counties. Locally there is not enough light on hand to bring out a big fund, and what there is they need in the city contests. The committee declined to make up the deficiency in the primary fund by home contributions and so informed the state committee.

There was "nothing doing" but a representative was sent to Louisville the latter part of the week, and just as the committee was preparing to explode a lovely scandal in the manipulation of the state Democratic committee, the check for the \$600 arrived.

CORRECT

ARE BOOKS OF MR. WALLACE IN
WISDOM ESTATE.

Executors Prove Proper Administration
and Secure Release From
Trust.

The estate of B. W. Wisdom was Saturday afternoon in county court transferred to the Lexington Bank & Trust company, W. E. Cave and George C. Wallace, executors, surrendering the estate. It is one of the largest in this end of the state and a fee of \$8,500 was allowed the executors for services. Six thousand dollars were divided between them and the remainder paid to Mr. Wallace for special services rendered. The executors filed a suit in circuit court some time ago asking for a settlement of the estate by the courts. This was dismissed before the order was made transferring the estate to the Lexington Bank & Trust company as executor. A total of \$236,000 was distributed by the executors. The heirs of the deceased are Mrs. George C. Wallace, Mrs. W. E. Cave, deceased, and Mrs. Charles J. Bronston, of Lexington, and Henry Wisdom, of Texas son of Norton Wisdom, deceased.

Two expert accountants have been working on the books of Mr. Wallace and Saturday afternoon they reported to the county judge that every item is correct. After this Mr. Wallace and Dr. Cave succeeded in bringing about what they have been seeking for a year, release from the trust.

Mrs. Cornelia Stone. Kuttawa, Ky., Oct. 29.—Mrs. Cornelia Woodard Stone, wife of the Hon. W. J. Stone, of this place, died Sunday at the residence of her son-in-law, S. J. Snook, Jackson, Miss. Mrs. Stone went to Jackson about a month ago to visit her daughter and contracted pneumonia. She is survived by her husband and two daughters, Mrs. Charles Young, of Kuttawa, and Mrs. S. J. Snook, of Jackson, Miss.

SPARROWS CAUSE OF ALARM OF FIRE

Stop Up Chimney With Straw And Waste Material.

Chief Wood Is Searching for Some
Stolen Property of the Fire
Department.

DRIVER'S UNFINISHED TOILET

With one side of his face shaved clean and the other smeared with a thick coat of lather, Driver John McFadden of the No. 1 chemical truck, drove his team at 10:30 o'clock Sunday morning out Broadway to 1918, the residence of W. M. Wheels.

McFadden was shaving when the alarm came in. He dropped razor, ran to the pole, and reached the ground floor. His horses were in harness, and climbing on the seat started. He forgot all about his half-shaved face, and on his return was reminded of his unfinished toilet by the laughter of boys who followed the truck.

The alarm was occasioned by a quantity of smoke in the Wheels residence. Sparrows filled the chimney full of straw and hay and instead of the smoke going through the chimney, came out between the roof and ceiling.

Another Alarm. At 8:30 o'clock Sunday morning the companies Nos. 1 and 3 were called to the residence of W. J. Englebert, Sixteenth and Monroe streets. A steam radiator setting too near the wainscoting had ignited it. Little damage was done.

Chief After Thieves. Fire Chief Wood is doing a little detective work and expects to prosecute persons holding fire department property. He lost several picks, axes, forks and other implements used in fire fighting at the Rowland town and veneer mill fires last week. He has an idea where he can find several axes and unless they are returned, he will institute prosecution.

Old Ballplayer Returns. Ed Holland, who formerly lived here and played with the fastest amateur baseball teams in the city, has returned to reside after several years' residence in Oklahoma, Kansas and Indian Territory. Holland lost his left leg just below the knee while railroad years ago but has a cork leg to replace it, and plays ball every season. He played first base with the Kansas City Western association team in several series.

HORSES TUMBLE

DOWN EMBANKMENT AT CALDWELL
WELL STREET FILL.

Wagon Falls Them Over and the
Team Rolls Over and Over
to the Bottom.

A team of fine gray draft horses owned by Mike Isenman and driven by Henry Bell, colored, went over the east side of the new Caldwell street fill near the Illinois Central depot, and one horse was crippled in the hind leg. The driver backed the automatic dump wagon too near the edge of the fill, and dumped the load. The horses were unable to go over it and the wagon gradually pulled them back until they rolled down the hill. The wagon did not fall on them fortunately, but one horse fell and jammed its leg against a board. The soft dirt saved the animals from probable fatal injuries.

POLAR EXPLORER HEARD FROM.

Unexpected Progress Being Made by
Mikkelsen-Leflingwell Expedition.

Victoria, B. C., Oct. 29.—Unexpectedly good progress is being made by the Mikkelsen-Leflingwell polar expedition, which left here on May 20 in the schooner Duchess of Bedford to locate a new continent believed to exist in the mysterious Beaufort Sea, westward of Banks Island. Letters from the explorers dated July 25 have been received here. They state that Point Hope, originally intended as this winter's base, had been reached two months ahead of the program. From Point Hope to Minto Inlet, Prince Albert Land, is less than a thousand miles of open water, which the schooner could cover in a fortnight, and she had two months of favorable weather in which to do it. The crucial event of the expedition is due in February, when the party will make westward across the ice packs for the unknown land. If this land be found a new

route to the pole will have been attained.

Engine Rolled Down Bank. Waynesburg, O., Oct. 29.—An engine and freight train on the Cleveland & Pittsburgh road, jumped the track this morning and rolled over an embankment. Thirteen cars were wrecked. Engineer Hamilton was crushed to death under the engine. A brakeman was pinned in the cab and badly scalded.

Hundreds of Bodies Recovered. Tokio, Oct. 29.—The disaster of the pearl and Bonito fishing fleet off the south of Kiusiu in the recent storm proves even greater than was feared at first. Most of the 35 vessels in the fleet were lost and 500 bodies have already been recovered.

SUPERVISORS

FINISHED SPECIAL SESSION SAT-
URDAY AFTERNOON.

Several Cases Acted on and Some
Reductions Made of Assess-
ments on Property.

The work of the city tax book supervisors in special session was finished Saturday and the following changes made:

Holcomb-Lobb Tie company, tax bill of \$67.68 cancelled, the property being taxed at another place; protest of John Van Culin referred to Assessor Stewart Dick; petition for reduction of A. G. Gilbert's property, no reduction granted; petition for reduction of M. F. Emery's property taxation, reduction of \$800 on assessment made; petition from James Balzer unfavorably acted on; petition for reduction in John Orme estate, referred to Assessor Dick; petition for reduction of Anheuser-Busch property, reduction of \$600 made; petition for reduction from M. H. Bradley, reduction of \$650 made.

CAPTAIN GORDON

WELL KNOWN RIVER MAN DIES
OF PNEUMONIA.

Owner of Charles Turner and Promi-
nent Lodge Man, Will Be Buried
in Pittsburg.

Capt. Ezekiel Gordon, of Fifth and Clark streets, died Sunday afternoon from typhoid pneumonia. Capt. Gordon was 45 years old and leaves only his wife in this city. He came to the city from Pittsburg two years ago with his boat, the Charles Turner, and has been in the tie business in the Cumberland and Tennessee rivers. Last winter he married his present wife in Pittsburg. Capt. Gordon is not an old river man, having been in the business only for the last two years. His early manhood and the larger part of his life were spent as an iron worker in the rolling mills of Pittsburg, he being an expert workman. His sickness began several weeks ago but he was out last week. His boat, the Charles Turner, has been recently repaired and he had made preparations to go more heavily into the business. At present the Charles Turner is in the Cumberland river in charge of Captain Button Carroll.

Captain Gordon was a member of the Paducah aerie of Eagles and the following pallbearers will accompany the body to the depot: L. P. Head, Fred Nagel, Don Marton, Louis Levy, Wm. Robinson Jr., and D. C. Glass. It is probable that one Eagle, Hon. L. P. Head, will be appointed to accompany the body to Pittsburg by a committee of Eagles.

Tonight at 8 o'clock funeral services will be held by the Eagle lodge, at the residence.

Capt. Gordon was a member of the Monongahela Lodge No. 269, F. and A. M. His brother will arrive from Pittsburg this afternoon at 6:15. The services will be conducted by Rev. W. E. Cave at the residence at Fifth and Clark streets.

To Avert a Lynching.

Ripley, Tenn., Oct. 29.—The sheriff and a posse left here for Hale's Point to avert the lynching of George Estes, a negro, who, it is charged, killed Deputy Sheriff Sasley and fatally wounded John Bowers during a raid on a crap game Sunday night.

WEATHER—Fair tonight and Tuesday. Warmer tonight, colder by Tuesday night. The highest temperature yesterday was 62 and the lowest today was 53.

IF STREET WORK CITY SHOULD PAY

Opinion of Alderman Miller on Storm Sewers.

City Will Not Undertake Ex Parte
Proceedings Because Cost Is
Nominal.

WILL HOLD ON TO TAX MONEY.

"If the storm water sewers are considered as street improvements, then the city should bear half the expense of constructing them," said Alderman W. T. Miller this morning. He will insist on this view of the matter at the meeting of the board of aldermen one week from Thursday night, when the finance committee reports on the new storm water sewers.

The pipes are laid under recently improved streets and their construction was carried on in connection with the regular street work. They are comparatively cheap and are merely designed to carry off accumulations of water. The level surface of Paducah makes surface drainage impracticable and these drains are built as substitutes.

They are not looked upon as sewers in the sense sanitary sewers are, and are not nearly so expensive. The committee also decided not to bring ex parte proceedings to determine whether the city or property owners should bear the expense. The only opposition to the payment comes from those who have been misled by false reports of the cost and confusion with the larger sewer project in district No. 2. The cost is nominal and not worth fighting over.

Will Retain the Money. The finance committee has decided not to acquiesce in the demand of the Ayer-Lord Tie company for a refund of the \$606 paid on its property during the pendency of the suit brought by the state revenue agent. The company claims to have paid it under protest, and states that it pays taxes elsewhere.

INDIAN TRIBES TO BE STUDIED

Expedition Soon to Start for South
America.

Cambridge, Mass., Oct. 29.—The Peabody museum of Harvard university has nearly completed its plans for an important ethnological expedition to South America, and the departure will take place in about two weeks. The trip is to occupy about three years and its object is to collect all possible information about the little known Indian tribes on the eastern side of the Andes Mountains. The funds have been provided by a recent Harvard graduate. The members of the party will be Dr. W. C. Farabee, instructor in anthropology, who will be the leader and chief scientist of the expedition, and two assistants Louis J. de Milhan, 1906, and J. W. Hastings, 1905. Headquarters for the work will be at Arequipa, Peru, from which trips will be made among the neighboring Indian tribes.

HELD UP BY TWO MEN.

James W. Barksdale Relieved of His
Valuables.

James W. Barksdale, of the Barksdale Brothers Furniture company, Third street and Kentucky avenue, was held up at Tenth and Jefferson streets Saturday evening shortly after dusk. Two negroes asked Barksdale to change a dollar for him and when he counted his change and looked up, found himself staring into the muzzle of a pistol. He was backed against the fence and his clothes searched. Between \$6 and \$7 were secured.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

Meets Again Friday Afternoon for
Special Exercises.

The Paducah High School Alumni association will meet Friday afternoon at the High school auditorium. It will be the second meeting of the season and James Whitcomb Riley and Eugene Fields will be the writers discussed. Readings will be given from their works. There will be other literary features introduced. The subject for November meeting will be "Art." The association now numbers 60 members, and is gradually growing.

Grammer Denies Offer. Chicago, Oct. 29.—"I have not been offered the presidency of the Illinois Central railroad and a man cannot decline something that has not been offered him," smilingly remarked G. J. Grammer, vice president of the New York Central lines, on his return yesterday from New York.